



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired millions of Americans to participate in non-violent protests to support the ideals of equality for all and was a motivating force behind a civil rights movement that had as its goal the creation of a society inclusive of all races, cultures and nationalities; and*

*WHEREAS, the celebration of Dr. King's birthday is intended as a time for all Americans to reaffirm their commitment to the basic principles that underlie our Constitution – equal treatment and justice for all; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys a richness of diversity in its population, embracing many ethnic and racial groups as a part of both the State's history and its future; and*

*WHEREAS, both State and national observances of this day will focus on the importance of individual volunteerism and a commitment to community service as a way of breaking down social and economic barriers and bringing people together to focus on their common concerns and interests; and*

*WHEREAS, the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Idaho's commitment to human rights, are worthy of reflection and serve as a reminder that improving the quality of life for all members of society is everyone's responsibility;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 21, 2008, to be*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. - IDAHO HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

*and I encourage Idahoans to rededicate themselves to the principles of respect for human rights and freedom, of belief in non-violence, and of commitment to improving the state and nation through community service and volunteerism.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred eighteenth.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a large, faint, circular watermark of the Great Seal of the State of Idaho.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a large, faint, circular watermark of the Great Seal of the State of Idaho.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE